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Recognizing our volunteers

*'The value of one.
The power of many.'*

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

The town of Didsbury is offering five volunteer awards for members of the community to acknowledge them for their involvement and devotion to making the community a better place to live through the donation of their time and energy.

To ensure these citizens don't go unnoticed the town is calling for nominations for this year's Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

The categories are:
Rural volunteer, an individual who has made a significant contribution to the rural community and to the rural way of life.

Outstanding volunteer, the most outstanding community minded volunteer during the past year.

Volunteer, a youth volunteer aged 18 or under who contributes to the community.

Volunteer family will be presented to an outstanding family volunteer service within the community.

"We are really encouraging people to bring forward nominees of people who deserve to be recognized."

NICOLE AASEN
Community and cultural services coordinator, town of Didsbury

Senior volunteer will recognize a senior, age 65 or up, for their volunteer services to the community.

"We do not present the awards based on longest years of service," said Nicole Aasen, Community and cultural services coordinator for town. "Didsbury has one thousand volunteers and this is a way to recognize them for their effort."

The awards will be based on the individual's contribution to the community, the organization they are serving, and the importance of their work.

"We are really encouraging people to bring forward nominees of people who deserve to be recognized," said Aasen.

The Volunteer award appreciation evening will take place on April 27 starting at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex when all five awards will be handed out. The theme for the evening is 'Death by Chocolate' and the Polyjestors will be performing.

"All volunteers are invited to attend and enjoy some really great desserts and speciality coffees, and watch the Polyjestors perform," said Aasen.

Nomination forms are available at the town office, and service groups throughout town should receive theirs in the mail. For more information you can contact Nicole at the town office.



TRUSTING TEE – Allen Reed, Front Porch Realty, proves he is a realtor you can trust, as he sets up his first shot of this year's golf season on partner Rod Neufeld at the Didsbury Trade Show where they won the People's Choice award. See more about this year's trade show on pages 8 and 9.



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Investigation into stabbings continues

Spots being set aside for friends, family of Mike Westlund in upcoming blood drive

BY SHAWNE MOHL
For the Review

A grade 12 student from Hugh Sutherland School (HSS) who was stabbed at a party at a rural location 10 km south of Carstairs, has been released from hospital and is recovering at home from his wounds.

Mike Westlund, 18, was released from Calgary's Foothills Hospital on March 21 and is recovering after being stabbed five times at a party in March.

The reason for the attack has not been released as Didsbury RCMP say that their investigation is continuing and they do not want to release any details which might hinder the case.

Westlund was one of three youth stabbed at this party. One of the other victims is also from Carstairs and the third is

from Calgary. Names of the two other victims are not being released.

Of the three youth which were stabbed Mike was most severely injured, after being stabbed five times and being put into the intensive care unit (ICU).

Mike's older brother, Richard, explained that he is currently going through rehab in order to assist in his recovery process.

"He has spent most of his time at home since then. He is doing physiotherapy. His lung capacity is still very low, so that is one of the things that the physio is helping him do... he has exercises that he has to do," Richard explained. "He gets tired very easily, as you could imagine since he can't get a lot of air in."

"He is walking and he does short walks to try to

build up a little bit of stamina."

Richard explained that Mike went through numerous procedures.

"All the potential witnesses have been spoken with and now all of their statements are being analyzed and reviewed to determine if there is a direction we have missed or for followup."

SGT. KEVIN O'DWYER
Didsbury RCMP

Now, it's just going to take some time for Mike to get through the recovery process.

"It's mostly healing from the surgery now. When he had his operation they went in through his chest, so now he is healing," Richard explained.

According to Richard

doctors do not believe that there will be any permanent health concerns once he makes a full recovery.

"He is alert. He is regular Mike... there is no brain injury. He is in good spirits," Richard explained.

Community and family support are major factors in Mike's recovery.

"He has friends that come over every day to see him," Richard said.

"Friends from Carstairs and those that don't live here, including family, have been sending cards. We have even got cards from people we don't even know... the support from the community has been amazing."

Another thing which has not only shown the support for the Westlund family, but will also benefit others is an upcoming blood drive.

On May 2 at the Airdrie Town and Country Centre, Canadian Blood Services is hosting a blood drive and 35 spots have been set aside for friends and family members of Mike Westlund.

"We are hoping we will be able to fill them with people from our family and from the community that have wanted to help in some way," Westlund said.

The reason why the Westlunds are encouraging people to sign up is because when Mike was going through surgery over 35 pints of blood were used.

Richard says that their family feels it's important to support the upcoming blood drive because it helped save Mike's life.

"Everybody realized how important it was that people had done this. He

has taken from the blood bank so it's important to make sure we give all of it back, plus some."

If you are interested in donating blood contact Kim Tribble at 337-2881, and she will help set up a time.

As far as the actual investigation goes, it is continuing and will be a long, drawn out process says Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer.

"All the potential witnesses have been spoken with and now all of their statements are being analyzed and reviewed to determine if there is a direction we have missed or for followup," O'Dwyer said.

A number of items have been sent into the RCMP labs for testing. When asked what the weapons were O'Dwyer wouldn't say, but didn't confirm or deny if they were weapons of various sorts.

To date no one is being held in custody and no charges have been laid, O'Dwyer said.

"We are going into the long haul. We have to analyze all of these statements and we have to look for disparities between what one person is saying and then we have to go and interview so it's going to be quite a while."

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Central Alberta Conservative MLAs voted for Klein

Premier's future up in the air

BY DAN SINGLETON
For the Review

Albertans could see a new premier much sooner than originally anticipated after Conservative delegates handed Ralph Klein a stunning political setback over the weekend.

During the party's annual convention in Calgary, delegates gave Klein only 55 per cent approval during a leadership review vote, far below the level the premier had expected.

Central Alberta Conservative MLAs Ty Lund, Richard Marz and Luke Ouellette were all in attendance at the convention and each said they voted for Klein. The MLAs have each already said they are not interested in seeking the party leadership.

Following Friday's vote, Klein told reporters he will decide soon whether to push ahead his retirement, originally set for Oct. 2007. An announcement on the matter could come any time, perhaps this week.

During a 40-minute speech on Friday evening, Klein called on delegates to support him until his planned retirement in 18 months. During the speech Klein said he had five goals for the rest of his mandate, including pushing through with his health-care reforms, what he called the "third way or fourth way or fifth way or whatever".

"I ask you to give me for one, final time your endorsement to achieve what I have laid out for the duration of this mandate," said Klein. "I ask for your approval to continue working with our incredible team in government, and to bring your vision for the province to life."

"If you see fit to give me that support, I pledge to you that I will work as hard as I possibly can to bring continued honour to this party and continued prosperity to the province we all love."

Immediately following Klein's speech to delegates, in which he asked for support for his leadership, MLA Lund, who is acting Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, as well as Minister of Government Services, said he was pleased with the address.

"It was good and it set a good tone," said Lund. "I was also going to support him."

Following the vote, in which 650 of 1,180 eligible delegates voted against Klein, Lund told reporters he was in support of Klein and was very disappointed with the results.

"When I looked around (Friday) afternoon and evening (and saw the number of (Klein) buttons, there had to be a whole bunch of people that were



photo by Dan Singleton for the Review

WHY IS THIS MAN SMILING? - Premier Ralph Klein addresses party delegates, including central Alberta MLAs Ty Lund, Richard Marz and Luke Ouellette, at the party's annual convention in Calgary Friday night.

two-faced, wearing a button that supported Ralph and then turned around and voted against him," Lund reportedly said.

Ouellette, who is Minister of Government Restructuring, said he too was pleased with the speech.

"It was a good speech," said Ouellette. "It was a speech that was good and it covered his points. If he needs a little time to get his mandate done, he needs that time."

Ouellette and Lund could not be reached for further comment at press time.

MLA Richard Marz said he wasn't entirely surprised with Friday's vote outcome.

"I didn't expect to see it in the 50s, but I try to keep my ear to the ground, and I

said it wouldn't shock me if it was in the 60s," said Marz.

"I was hearing a lot at the convention itself from people who were saying that if they heard in his speech that he would (resign) even later this year, his support would have been overwhelmingly high, but they weren't prepared to wait for a 19 month state of uncertainty."

Marz predicted that the premier will now step down much earlier than Oct. 2007.

"I would like to hear what he (Klein) has to say to caucus, but my predictions would be to probably look at something by this fall. Hopefully a leadership review after harvest, which would be suitable to rural Alberta," he said.



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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Springtime



My favourite time of year has to be springtime.

The sight of leaves, flowers and plants growing is very renewing, and of course seeing the first robin of the year is especially pleasing.

This weekend I saw my first robin of the year, he was hopping along my front yard possibly looking for a worm to eat... good luck little buddy!

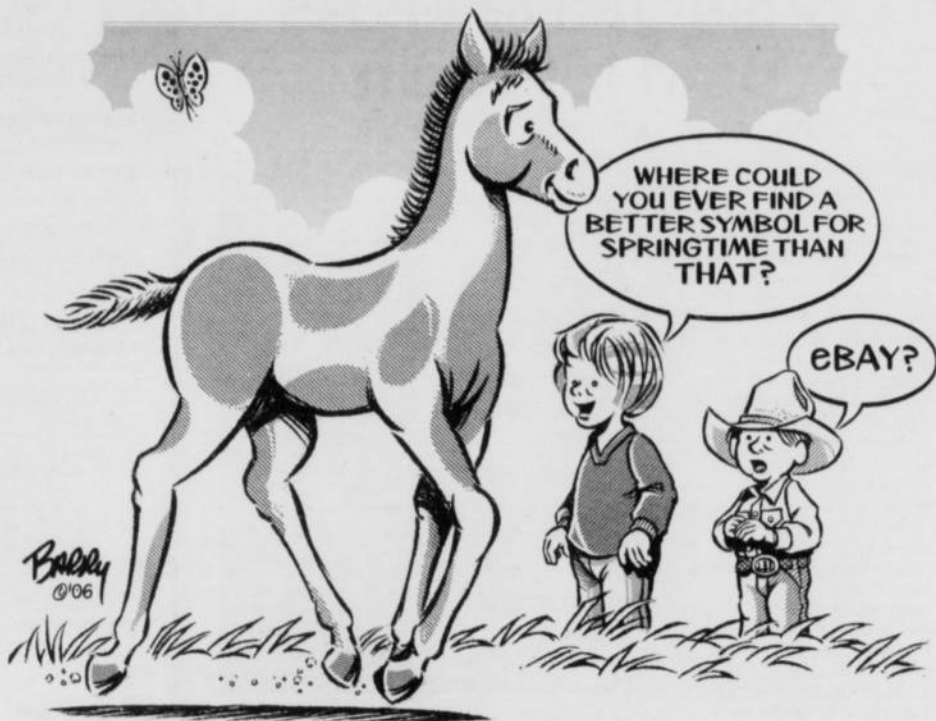
I also saw a blue jay and two eagles the same day. The blue jay was nestled in a tree a couple of yards down from mine, and the eagles were both sitting high up in a tree in the county.

I love birds... in the spring I like to go to the Bird Sanctuary in Calgary with some binoculars and see what I can discover. Last spring some little sparrows decided they trusted me enough to come over and sit in my hand and eat some bird feed right out of it. It was very cool!

As of this weekend I will have to put my Alberta birdwatching and enjoying spring time on hold as I am off to Cuba. I am very excited to visit a communist country and discover a new way of living.

I have heard a lot of wonderful things about Cuba and the people that live there. It will be neat to find out for myself.

Adios!



OPINION - THE VALLEY AND BEYOND

Unlike the popes and the pharaohs, Canadian premiers and prime ministers do not hold office for life and die of old age while still in power.

The elderly exception was Sir John A. Macdonald, whose fatal illness began in his 76th year at the close of his final election campaign in 1891 and ended before a new Parliament could be called.

It is true that Alberta Premier William Aberhart was 65 when he succumbed, in 1943, to a liver disease ignited by stress and overwork, but until the very last

weeks of his life he was vigorous not elderly and his terminal condition was one of medicine's silent killers.

As a rule, however, our leaders can choose the time of their going, or be fired.

The first option allows them to depart with a measure of dignity and honour.

The second is almost invariably accompanied by some degree of ignominy.

Ralph Klein made the second choice, perhaps deluded by the notion that his quarter-century political career could go on forever.

Like an aging quarterback whose passing arm is gone, whose timing is shot and whose knees are blown out, but who refuses to leave the field, Klein has struggled for two or three years to hold on to office without the vision, energy and charisma of his best years.

He campaigned poorly in the autumn of 2004; lacklustre, cranky, lashing out at the media and besieged by protesters and demonstrators for various causes.

He, his aides and advisors missed the message that might have allowed him a graceful exit. The Conservative government was re-elected with a minority of the popular vote - 46.8 per cent as compared to the 62.25 per cent enjoyed by Peter Lougheed in his last campaign victory of 1982.

The majority of Albertans in the voting booth rejected Ralph Klein in 2004, a fact that was papered over by the peculiarities of an electoral system which gave his party a solid majority of seats in the legislature, in spite of the defeat.

Klein did nothing in the 16 months since with the dramatic fire in the belly that was his trademark as mayor of Calgary, environment minister and, once, as premier.

The failure of performance was papered over, this time, by a gargantuan budget surplus, although not a single significant crisis or problem was addressed, much less resolved, by his spending of it, or by anything he, cabinet and caucus have done in some months.

Like Julius Caesar, Klein was brought down in spite of his achievements, in his own political house by people he thought he could trust. There are other two striking parallels between Klein's stunning leadership review and Caesar's assassination.

First, as Caesar's biographer Gaius Suetonius writes, the Roman leader was surrounded for months by plotting factions, each coveting his power. When he

was scheduled to speak to the Roman Senate, "the plots which had previously been formed separately, often by groups of two or three, were united in a general conspiracy".

Second, "As he (Caesar) took his seat in the Senate, the conspirators gathered about him as if to pay their respects." Instead, they seized him and knifed him down. As he died, Caesar is said to have cried, perhaps in puzzlement, "What violence is this?"

On Saturday morning, when Ralph Klein faced the media following a vote of confidence that he won with just 30 of 1,180 ballots, he reminded me of the punch-drunk boxer in the Simon and Garfunkel song:

"In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade

And he carries a reminder of every glove that laid him down

Or cut him till he cried out in his anger and his shame,

"I am leaving, I am leaving"

But the fighter still remains."

Psychiatrist Dr. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross said there are five stages of grief: denial and isolation, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance.

The Ralph Klein on limited public display in the hours after the negative review of his leadership exhibited the first three stages of grief over the oncoming death of his political career.

One can imagine that the rest of his weekend was a black one: the depression stage.

One would expect him to be buffeted back and forth between the first four stages for a while yet.

What he needs, and we need is for him to get to stage five: acceptance.

Frank Dabbs,
author of *Ralph Klein: A Maverick Life*, available in the Sundre Library.

YOUR LETTERS
Family violence

What does home mean to you? To me, home should be the one place in this world that I can always feel comfortable and safe. It's the place that no matter what has happened during the day I can go to knowing that I am accepted for who I am and loved. Why don't we all have a home like this?

Family Violence is a very complex issue that includes many forms of abuse, mistreatment and neglect that a person may experience in their family relationships. Forms of abuse can be physical, psychological, sexual, emotional, financial, or spiritual. Many factors can contribute to a person becoming abusive towards another family member, but inequalities and power imbalances are major contributing factors.

Preventing Family Violence takes an ongoing commitment and combined effort from community members, health services and all levels of government. Our community needs to offer services and support for victims. Help for both the victim and the abuser are needed. Shelters are essential.

To give you an idea about how big of an issue this is within Alberta, according to the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, in

2004-2005 Alberta Women's shelters accommodated 5,988 women and 5,488 children. However 5,150 women and 3,710 children were turned away because the shelters were full.

Think of all those people within our community who don't have the feeling of acceptance and safety when they go home at the end of the day.

What can we do to help someone who is being abused? We can offer support by listening, locating resources and encouraging them to develop a plan to get out of the abusive situation. We can lobby the government for more funding for shelters and safe havens. We can empower our law-makers to come down hard on the abusers. We can develop support for the families to become healthy again. And as a community, we can encourage and support social development programs developed by our Crime Prevention Program.

For more information on Family Violence visit www.acws.ca or www.child.gov.ab.ca

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Curling club gets lift

Wheelchair access to second floor

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

Wheelchair access to the second floor of the Didsbury curling club is on its way after town council passed a motion to purchase a MediChair Lift.

Over the years council has had many requests for a lift to be installed because there is presently no way for people in wheelchairs to access the second floor. In the past the town did not have the money to have one installed, but they recently found out they can receive a grant to finance the lift.

"There was a request for a MediChair lift so that those people who are confined to a wheelchair would have access to the upper floor of the curling club," said Roy Brown, town CAO. "There have been many requests over the years but the town of Didsbury applied under the Community Facility Enhancement Program and was able to receive a grant to finance the lift."

Brian Wasko, town manager of facilities, was asked to provide council with information regarding the different options available for a lift.

Wasko provided three quotes on lifts from MediChair, but recommended council go with the Garaventa Xpress inclined platform lift.

In a report to council Wasko said that particular brand of lift "comes highly recommended and is virtually maintenance free. Installation would be a straight run up the stairs on the south side of the curling rink".

Wasko also added the lift would also allow access to the top floor of the hockey rink.

Quotes for other models of lifts were a couple of thousand dollars cheaper but the quality and track record were reported to not be there.

Another advantage to going with the Garaventa Xpress inclined platform lift is it can carry kitchen and bar supplies such as food, pop and beer, to the second level so the staff will not have to continue carrying these items up the stairs.

The access for power to the lift would be a keyed station to prevent misuse of the wheel chair lift.

The cost of the lift is \$21,630 and it will be installed by the end of April.

"There have been many requests over the years but the town of Didsbury applied under the Community Facility Enhancement Program and was able to receive a grant to finance the lift."

ROY BROWN
CAO, town of Didsbury

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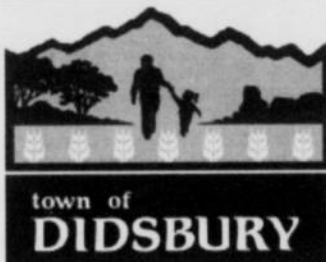
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Wednesday, April 5 & 26, 2006 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

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NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

• DP 26-06 #104, 1610 - 20	StreetChange of Use: vacant to mercantile - with conditions	C1
• DP 29-06 110 Westridge Place	Single Family Dwelling - with waiver/conditions	R1
• DP 30-06 210 Morris Place	Single Family Dwelling - with conditions	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing with the appropriate fees to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on **April 18, 2006**.

Robert Wigg, Development Officer

SING, MOVE, PLAY

Sing, move, play ... and have fun with music! This is a new class for children aged 2-5 years. This program is designed to expose children to music through fun action songs, music games, movement, singing, and playing rhythm instruments. Parents must attend class with children. Join instructor Heather Biggin (B. Mus, B. Mus. Ed) on Friday mornings from 11:00-11:30 at Eldon Foote Hall (Didsbury Train Station). Classes start Friday, April 21 and the cost is \$40.00 for this six-week session. Please call 335-7369 to register.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

The Town of Didsbury is offering a Red Cross Babysitting Course on Friday, April 28 from 9 am-5 pm at the Didsbury Library. For ages 11 years and up. Cost is \$40 + gst per student. Please call 335-7369 for more information or to register.

***Remember to get permits for development and building projects such as garages, woodstoves, decks, etc. Fines are applicable if you proceed without a permit. 2006 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS WILL BE MAILED THIS WEEK.**

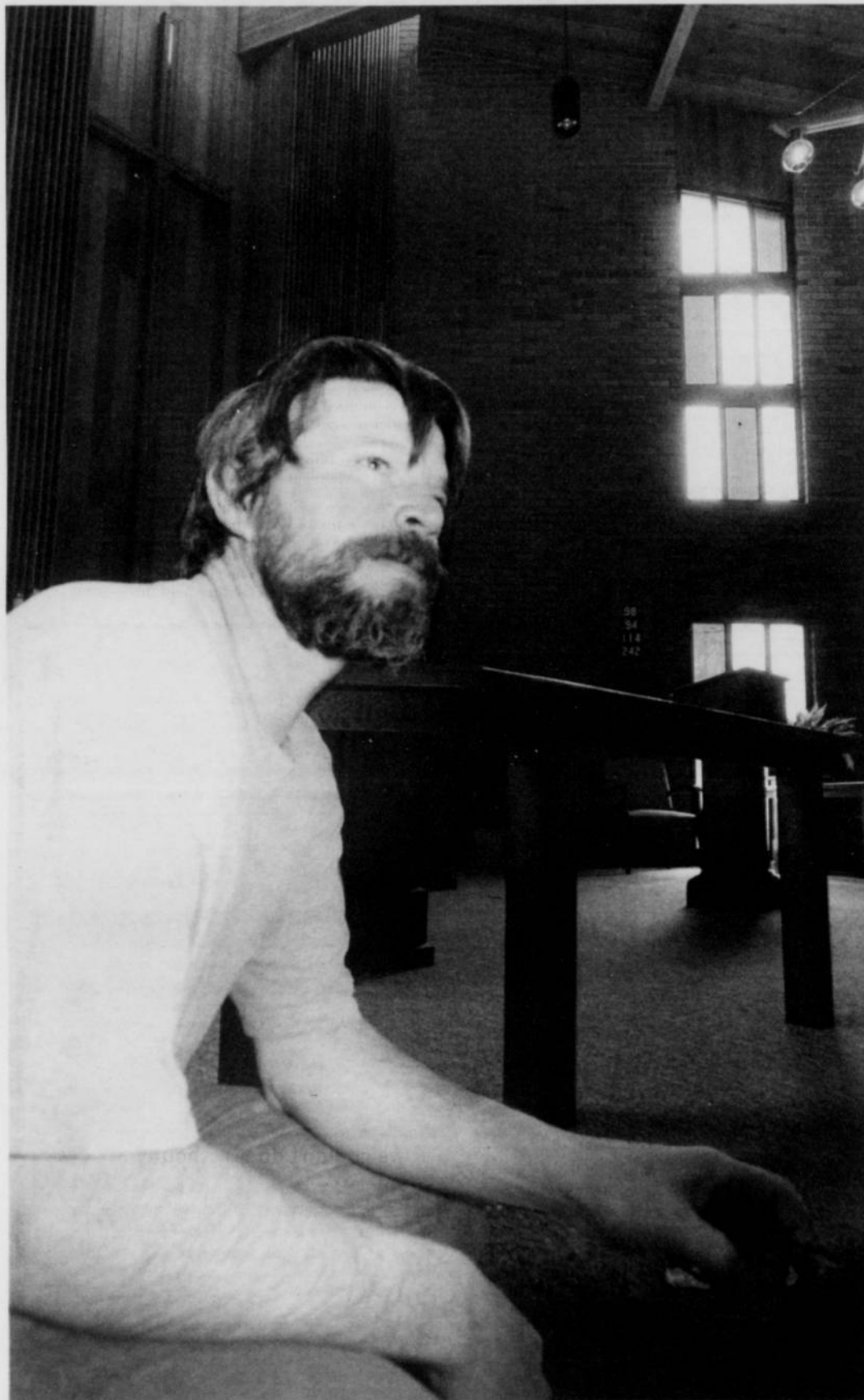
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If you are operating a business without a license, please contact 335-7356 immediately.

The Didsbury Town Office will be closed the second Friday of each month between the hours of 12 noon and 1:00 p.m.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE



PASSION DRAMA - Jesus, played by Wes Thomas, prays for his disciples during rehearsals for the Passion Drama, an annual Easter production at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury.

Passion Drama celebrates 10 years

'Come and hear about Jesus and His love for you'

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

What began as a readers theatre project to help young people is now a well-known drama in the Didsbury area, celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The Passion Drama is performed every year for three consecutive evenings at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury.

"We discovered that people of all ages could benefit from walking into the scenes of the Lord's passion," said Pastor Robert Mohns, Redeemer Lutheran Church. "It is based on an eye witness' interaction with Jesus, and his struggles to come to know what he is doing. It really depicts his struggles as he goes along."

The audience who sits in the pews becomes very involved in the drama, as everything happens right around them. They are in the middle of all the action, and according to Pastor Mohns they are "drawn into it all".

The cast is 30 people and 12 crew members. Some of the people involved in the drama have been involved the entire 10 years.

"Everyone gets to be a part," said Pastor Mohns. "This year there is some new people in place, but we still have a core group who have been around the entire time."

People from all over the community come out for an evening of the drama, and reports back to Pastor Mohns have said they were "moved by the whole event".

"People come year after year, and they bring their friends," said Pastor Mohns. "Throughout the ten years I think we have had around 3,000 people."

The drama is 50 minutes long, and refreshments are served afterwards.

"This is intended for everyone," said Pastor Mohns. "It is our gift to the community. It helps us think about what Easter really means, why we have this holiday. We want to share this with everyone, everyone is welcome."

There are performances on April 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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Around town

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

SAT. APRIL 8

1st Didsbury Girl Guides' annual Spring Cookie Sales Drive

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weather permitting. If you are going to be out and about we will also have some for sale at the Train Station. Cookies are \$4 per box this year.

Thankyou to the community for their continued support.

SAT. APRIL 8, SUN. APRIL 9, MON. APRIL 10

Passion Drama
"Come and hear about Jesus and His love for you" at the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Playing each night at 7:30 p.m.

SUN. APRIL 9

The Easter Story
Bergthal Mennonite Church invites you to celebrate with them as their choir tells the Easter Story, through the cantata "The Promised Redeemer" at 11 a.m. Potluck lunch to follow.

For more info. call the Church at 335-4451 or Gary at 335-8469.

Everyone welcome!

SUN. APRIL 9

Gospel music and hymn singing

Come and enjoy an evening of Southern Gospel Music and hymn singing with the Tapestry local band, at 7 p.m. at the Carstairs Church of God.

TUES. APRIL 11

Mountain View Habitat for Humanity's Annual Meeting

Starting at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Museum in Sundre. You can become a board or committee member, volunteer or donor. Call 556-6368 for more information.

TUES. APRIL 11

Mountainview Christian Women's Continental Breakfast

Held upstairs in the Carstairs Arena from 9:30

a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
\$5 per person.

For reservations phone Vicky at 335-3500 or Margie at 335-3765.

WED. APRIL 12

5-0 Club Potluck
Held at the 5-0 Club at 12:30 p.m.
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WED. APRIL 12

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party
9:30 a.m. at the home of Joyce Mullen.

All ladies are welcome to attend.

WED. APRIL 19

Mountain View Colts Sports Recreation Assoc. AGM

Held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex at 7:30 p.m.

Voting membership \$5.

WED. APRIL 19

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury AGM and Elections

Public welcome at 7 p.m. at the Didsbury Library.

For more info. call 335-2388 or visit www.didsburyfamilies.ca.

SAT. APRIL 22

"Desperate Housewives" Night
Handyman Auction & Cabaret

All profits go toward operating the AfterSchool Program.

\$10 per person. Auction starts at 7 p.m.

Cash bar provided by KidSport Mountainview.

For more info. call 335-2388 or visit www.didsburyfamilies.ca.

TUES. APRIL 25

Didsbury Minor Hockey Assoc. AGM

Held at the Didsbury Curling Club Lounge.
Time: 7 p.m.

SAT. MAY 13

Didsbury Show and Shine

The Didsbury Show and Shine committee would like to announce that the 2006 car show will be held at the Didsbury Golf Course on May 13. Everyone is welcome.

Alarms sound over EMS transfer changes

BY TODD W. HURMAN
For the Review

Mountain View Regional Emergency Services may have to turn to taxpayers to foot the bill on lost revenue generated by inter-facility transfers.

A recent report conducted by Toronto-based IBI Group for the David Thompson Health Region recommends sweeping changes in order to control rising costs of the service provided by 16 ambulance operators within the region.

The DTHR is the third largest health region in the province and spent \$6.4 million on 10,363 inter-facility transfers last year – a 17 and 32 per cent increase respectively over 2004 numbers.

Ninety-eight per cent of transfers done in 2005 were done by ground ambulances in the DTHR with MVRES accounting for 725 of those.

One recommendation is that the DTHR contract out to a private non-ambulance transportation system possibly comprised of modified vans to ship patient between facilities primarily along the QEII corridor where 75 per cent of all transfers occur.

The idea is modeled after a similar service in Ontario.

While this could alleviate pressures from ambulance providers, freeing them up for other emergency calls, it could drastically impact the bottom line like that of MVRES, where patient transfers accounted for 44 per cent of its budget.

"It's a possibility," said Nick Thain, MVRES executive director.

"The big thing for the (MVRES) commission is that the advanced life support (ALS) resource is not leaving the community," Thain said.

Without provincial funding, he said the other option would be to increase the per capita rates which sit at \$23.79 – one of the lowest in the province – if the changes were to go through.

In addition, the review recommends developing a formula to determine what type of transport is needed and creating a centralized dispatch centre to coordinate available transportation resources.

Lance Holly, chief executive officer and president of Guardian Ambulance Services which transfers the most patients in the region, said he understands the need for the DTHR to control costs, but said he said he has a problem with what he calls "horizontal taxis" to transport people.

One issue that is important to both the DTHR and ambulance operators in the region is current negotiations on a new agreement for inter-facility patient transfers.

The contract expired on Dec. 31 and the a second three-month extension was just given by the DTHR to EMS operators.

Judd said the DTHR is trying to find "a different language we can use to accomplish the flexibility required by an operator to take on the business of ambulance transfers."

"We're looking for some sense from the operators of whether they could do it or not because if you can't then we have to find some other way of doing it."

A number of issues, including wait time rates still need to be resolved.

Thain said the entire problem could be solved if the government funded ambulances in the province at a "preparedness level."

The Alberta government doesn't historically fund ambulance services in the province although it has for the last two years and will in 2006.

A overall review on ambulance service in the province is expected some time later this year.

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All we can say is 'WOW!'

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce hosted another very successful Trade Show this past weekend. Attendance was up another 10%, there were more exhibitors than ever, more hourly door prizes, more sponsors, more volunteers from the community ... just "more" all-around!

The Chamber would like to congratulate the winners of the Spectrum Design Booth Award. These booths are judged on visual impact, availability of information, marketability, display quality and innovation. Our judges (Reeve Al Kenmore, Didsbury Deputy Mayor Brian Wittal, and Olds Mayor Judy Dahl) had their work cut out for them.

because all the booths were great. In the end, they narrowed it down to three: La Greenhouse in third, Greenwood Furniture in second, and for the second year in a row, For Trees Company received the coveted award. Congratulations to Gerard Fournier and his team!

Visitors to the Trade Show also had an opportunity to vote for their favourite booth, with prizes offered by Didsbury Liquor & Beer. The Chamber congratulates one of Didsbury's newest businesses, and Chamber members, Front Porch Realty, who received the most votes of the 112 booths at the show!

Chamber-hosted door prizes were offered

by 22 businesses this year, another record! Winners were announced at the Trade Show and also appear in the Didsbury AG Foods' wrap-up ad elsewhere in this paper. If you did not pick up your door prize at the Trade Show, prize winners are asked to pick up their prizes at the Chamber office in the Train Station. They will be held until April 30, 2006.


Chamber Chat wouldn't be complete without acknowledging the work of all the volunteers who put in so much of their personal time to make the Trade Show such a success. The Trade Show committee has itself been called a "well-oiled machine", and the efforts

of those individual leaders does not go unnoticed. Add in the cleanup crew, security, admissions team, artists, sound technicians, and all the organizations with booths in the volunteer section, and you've got a show you can truly call a "community event".

The 22nd Annual Didsbury Trade Show takes place on April 7 and 8, 2007.

For more information on this, or any Chamber of Commerce initiative, call Bill at the Chamber office, 335-3265 or send an e-mail to info@didsburychamber.ca. Check us out on the web at www.didsburychamber.ca.

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Didsbury Trade Show wows thousands of visitors

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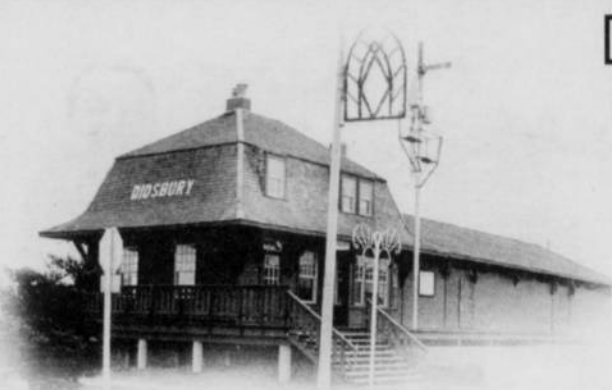
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Fair Trade - Sue de Rosemond and Julie Leesman, PASU Farms out of Carstairs, sample fabrics with Alana Hoever.
Playful house - Brandon Victor, three, takes a playful peek from behind the Lions play house that was raffled off.

Sunny flower - Audrey Lemieux smiles at the beauty of "Harmony", a wooden sculpture by Lody Van Den Berg on display at the Didsbury and District Artist Show and Sale which was part of the trade show.

Traffic jam - Lane Arthur-Thompson, three, points to the next attraction she wants to visit while her mom tries to keep the troupes together in the crowds. More than 4,400 people attended this year's show.

Comfort of Home - Ian and Tara Stewart and Corinna Van Dyck share a laugh while working in the comfort of the Home Hardware display.



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Judy Steele
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Sherry Phillips

Winner People's Choice Booth - Front Page Realty

Voters Kid's Draw - J. Erickson
Voter Adult's Draw - Barb Camley

At the Kitchen Table

BY NOREEN OLSON

I have been a Marriage Commissioner now for almost fifteen years. The appointments are made in five year terms and for a while I considered not renewing this time but the grandson of a dear old friend is being married this summer and a couple of nice young people that I know have asked if I will be available and a friend of mine got a Commissioner appointment so I don't have to be quite so busy? so I reapplied and now I am official until 2011. A good thing I guess because I have been booking weddings and if my appointment had not been renewed I would have had to call several people and make other arrangements. That is one of the rules for a Marriage Commissioner. If you have consented to perform a ceremony and for some reason you cannot do so then you can't just say, "sorry guys" you have to find a Commissioner to do their ceremony. No such rule applies for a couple who have booked a Commissioner and then decide not to get married. I was supposed to have a wedding here today (April 1, 2006) but no one showed up and no one called so I can only assume that plans have changed. Since today is April Fool's Day all kinds of conditions might apply, did one or the other of them wait until this morning and then leap out from behind the sofa and yell, "April Fool." Did the groom's friends have a stag last night and lock him in a closet? Did the bride run off with the best man leaving a note that reads, "April Fool." I don't suppose I will ever know but one can't help but wonder. In fifteen years of performing weddings I have had a few that did not go off as planned. Some for very good reason were postponed and worked out just fine, and some should have been postponed forever. I have had two that were on and off again four or five times, finally completed and then only lasted a few days. I had one that was pre-

paid, postponed, rebooked, postponed, rebooked and postponed indefinitely. When I offered to refund the money the bride assured me that they would indeed get married one day and I should keep the money until then. That was eight years ago and the only wedding that I was ever paid for and did not perform. I have also had only one wedding that was not fully paid. The groom's mother gave me a sealed envelope and when I opened it I was short twenty dollars. Under the heading of weddings that did not occur I once had a wedding booked for a local boy and a bride that had recently immigrated from one of the Baltic States. The boy was totally enamoured and told me on the phone what a lovely girl this was and how happy he was to have met her. I did not talk to the lady in question but I booked the wedding and waited to hear that they had a licence and were coming for an interview. I waited until just a few days before the wedding date and then I called the boy's number. An older man, I think the groom's father, answered, "No," he said "Alvin is not here." "Then may I speak to Slovenia?" "Ha." He yelled, "she certainly is not here and she never will be." "Oh, I'm sorry," I said, "does this mean that there is no wedding?" The dad yelled, and again I said, "I'm sorry." "Don't be sorry," he shouted, "if you knew what that woman was like you would be dam glad that there is no wedding." There had to be an interesting story there but I guess I will never know what it was. I just hope the young man was not too heartbroken. I'm sorry about the couple that did not show up today. Maybe they decided that April Fool's day was not an auspicious day for a wedding. Maybe the girl couldn't face a lifetime of anniversaries with gag presents. Maybe the one that leapt out from behind the sofa got hit over the head by the one that was surprised and we will hear about them both on tonight's news.

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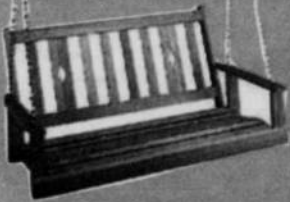
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Didsbury Lifeline Society

submitted

The quarterly meeting of the Didsbury Lifeline Society took place March 13, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. in Council Chambers at the Didsbury town office.

One of the key items of business was the determination of executive positions.

Shirley Thompson returns as President, as does Bill Parker as Vice President. Alex Graves will be the secretary while Joyce Gee continues as Treasurer. Directors are Kathy Parker, Willis Amstutz & Luella Eby while Don Neal & Grant

Hemmings look after the installations. We would like to thank Terry Walls for his work as an installer over the past year & wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Recently one of our Lifeline clients in Didsbury started to feel poorly experiencing some pains in the chest area. The client pushed his lifeline button & immediately requested an ambulance from the telephone staff. Fortunately the paramedics responded promptly and upon arrival at the house found

it was necessary to use electric paddles to restart the man's heart. One never hopes for these situations to occur, but it sure is nice to know that the system does work to help save lives and provide people with a feeling of security. At any rate, we know there's at least one satisfied customer out there.

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SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Happy 38th birthday Didsbury Royal Purple

BY IRENE DICKAU AND
KAY RYLANCE
Royal Purple news

March was our Lodge's 38th Birthday, we were instituted on March 3, 1968. We are fortunate to still have 3 Charter members. P.D.D. Irene Dickau who was our 2nd Honoured Royal Lady is serving on our drill team, P.D.D. Shirley Thompson is our current pianist and P.H.R.L. Hilda Kroetsch. Visitors this evening were: D.D. Gail Shrock of Acme of District Six and H.R. Lady Jean McLerie of Sundre Lodge # 191.

Lecturing Knight Bud Davies presented a birthday cake on behalf of Didsbury Elks # 514 to H.R.L. Joyce Armour with congratulations on our birthday. Also in attendance was our member D.D. Ellen Tevendale who brought greetings from District Five.

H.R. Lady Joyce presented L. Knight Bud Davies with two new coffee urns for the Hall from the ladies of the Lodge.

We had a letter from Judy Osbourne of the Town of Didsbury, thanking the lodge for hosting the meeting about the walking trail proposed for our town. L.L. Elinor Clark is to be congratulated on

receiving her 30 year pin. We have donated \$500.00 to the Didsbury Minor Hockey for their tournament held March 17/18th.

Chairperson Joan Hannah has prepared a work schedule for our Casino to be held at Jackpot Casino in Red Deer on April 9/10. Lady Shirley Thompson reported on her attendance at the Didsbury Health Care annual meeting.

Lady Kay Rylance presented L.L. Eleonore Grafe with a floral arrangement at her home in Red Deer, on behalf of the Lodge for her recent hospital stay.

Get well wishes have been sent to Calgary #7 Secretary Verna Lupiliak who is at home recuperating from her recent surgery. Sympathy cards were sent to Calgary Lodge #7 on the loss of P.H.R.L. Steinhauer. Also to Brother Jim Armour and H.R.L. Joyce on the death of Jim's mother. Happy birthday was sung to honour ladies Helen Newton and Elinor Clarke. Lady Helen Lane will be visited in hospital on her birthday the 31st.

It was decided to share a booth with the Elks for the Town's Trade fair. The meeting closed with a delicious lunch followed by our Birthday cake. Next meeting April 12th, 7:30 P.M., visitors welcome.

Focus on the Family

*Children gain maturity when freedom
comes step by step*



DR. DOBSON
Focus on the family

Question:

It's obvious that our teenage son is rapidly becoming an adult. What guidelines can you offer to help us transfer power at the right time - neither early nor late?

DR. DOBSON:

There are some approaches that have been successful in lessening this conflict. The Amish people have developed a unique tradition that has succeeded for them. Strict discipline and harsh standards of behavior are imposed from infancy. When children turn 16 years of age, however, they enter a period called "Rumspringa." Suddenly, all restrictions are lifted. They are free to drink, smoke, date, marry, or behave in ways that horrify their parents.

Some Amish children do just that. But most don't. They are even granted the right to leave the community if they choose. But if they stay, it must be in accordance with the social order. The majority accept the heritage of their families, not because they must, but because they choose to.

Although I admire the Amish and many of their approaches to child-rearing, I believe the Rumspringa concept is implemented too quickly for children raised in a more open society. It works in the controlled environment of Amish country, but it would be disastrous for most of the rest of us. I've seen families grant "instant adulthood" to their adoles-

cents, to their regret.

If it doesn't work to transfer power suddenly to young people, how can they be established as full-fledged adults without creating a civil war in the process? I have recommended that parents begin granting tiny elements of independence literally in toddlerhood. When a child can tie his shoes, he should be permitted - yes, required - to do it. When she can choose her clothes, she should make her own selections within reason. When he can walk safely to school, he should be allowed to do so.

Each year, more responsibility and freedom (they are companions) must be given to the child so that the final release in early adulthood is merely a small, final release of authority. This is the theory, at least. Pulling it off is sometimes quite another matter.

In the final analysis, your own son or daughter will let you know when the time is right for independence. You must judge his or her maturity, wisdom and emotional readiness for full-fledged adulthood. Then you grant it - and pray diligently for the next 30 years.

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Everyone Welcome

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Shantz residence becomes the 'Olde General' and the 'Peters' are coming home

submitted

Dolores and Dale Peters are pleased to announce the purchase and planned restoration of a Historic Landmark in Didsbury.

Once known simply as a portion of the South West Quarter of Section 18, Township 31, Range 1 West of the 5th Meridian, in 1902 construction began on this two-story Sandstone residence. A few years later this residence became known as the house across from the Church on Church Street, and then in 1914 as the result of a generous donation by the original owner, this house became the first hospital in Didsbury. This home served the townsfolk of Didsbury as a running hospital for the next thirty years. In 1945 the house was sold to a private individual and became what we know today as simply the old sandstone house at 1719, 15th Avenue.

This house has a history, oh boy it sure does. After the house became a private residence again in 1945. We don't know too much about the families that have lived in the house from 1945 till the early 1990s but we do know about the original family and his family of true pioneers, the hospital days, and the last 15 or so years. As time goes by we expect to learn more and more about this fine historic landmark.

In the winter of 1996 we purchased this home and immediately fell in love with the place. Dolores tended the gardens, while I got busy scraping years of

paint and glue off of the fir floors in the upstairs rooms. We only managed to stay for a couple of years and sold this beautiful home; we sold to move back to the city, get closer to work, but what we found was that we were closer to work but further from home. A couple of owners later and the house now belongs to a gentleman with a true passion for historic character and as a Hobby carpenter with no fear of hard work has spent hours finishing floors and building architectural details deserving of this fine home.

This was the one home and place that we have regretted leaving behind and so in January of this year, we called up and asked the current owner if selling the house was a possibility. Much to our surprise and true excitement, he said yes. So here we are packing up our belongings in Calgary anticipating a move back home. This old house deserves a restoration, and slowly but diligently that is what will be occurring.

The new owners as of April 1st, that's us, are busy with anticipation and planning our move home. We both work in the oil and gas industry currently in Calgary and as well I am a licensed and practicing Real Estate Agent with the Calgary Real Estate Board working at Century 21 Castlewood Agencies (1997) Ltd., in the Airdrie office. My hobby is painting landscapes, so I guess I have a thing for landscapes, I paint them, I sell them and I buy them. My lovely wife Dolores just makes them beautiful with

her unbeatable landscape, gardening and design skills.

The house once had two storeys of grand porches, grand doors and beautiful gardens. Dolores and I are going to be busy over the next few years and in honour of the time this house served the townsfolk of Didsbury and surrounding area as a general hospital, a place of caring and a place of birth and a place of resting we have decided to call the house the 'Olde General'.

Keep your eyes on this one, the 'Olde General' and its grounds as they are about to be transformed. Slowly and grandly, the 'Olde General' is coming back and we invite everyone to enjoy.

If you have comments, ideas or memories you would like to share please call me anytime at 540-2057. That's my cell and I would love to hear from you.

Royal Purple and Elks host Astro Jump

BY DON NEAL
Elks

At the Didsbury Trade Fair, this past weekend, the Elks and Royal Purple were honoured with the opportunity to host an activity that kept young people lined up for hours. The "Astro-Jump" was an idea put forth by the Trade Fair Manager that we were able to present to our Community. Other years we had a variety of giveaway items and free draws but this year opted for this young people's activity. While the first couple of hours were

disorganized we did manage to bring some semblance of order to the scene shortly after noon on Saturday. A Special thanks to Bonnie for her assistance with this sometimes challenging task. A Special Thanks to the young people who so patiently waited while the little tykes took their turn. It is most gratifying to us and a tribute to their parents.

A reminder to all Elks our next meeting is on Thursday April 13, 2006. Supper at 7:30 PM. Anyone interested in joining the Elks is also welcome to attend.

"Can you top this?"

BY MARGARET FRADLEY
Ponderings of the Heart

Recently, we had our grandson who just turned two, with us - what a delight. He is a healthy, active, adventurous, inquisitive youngster. What a joy he is: but let us focus on his inquisitiveness - he needed to investigate his new surroundings.

On one occasion, he motioned to us that his little car, that he had been playing with, had mysteriously disappeared. It was 'gone', but gone where? The wee boy then took his Daddy to show him where it had gone. He had dropped it into the Vacuflor. Who would have thought of such a thing?

We thought this story was a "one", until

my husband shared it with a few men friends, one of whom shared that one of his children, when young, had been given a slice of bread with jam and peanut butter, and before they knew it, he had pushed it into the VCR.

Isn't it a blessing we, as grandparents, can see these situations as humorous more than their parents? However, in spite of this, Grampa immediately got out the vacuum; the little car flowed through and was safely retrieved.

With regards to these little ones, we really need to make the really essential things priorities and let the rest go. Prepare for their coming and enjoy them to the full. Tiring, of course, but well worth every minute.

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Linda Fisher of Wetaskiwin, AB & Bev Fisher of Prince Albert, SK, are pleased to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter **Jodie Lynne Fisher to Jeffery Olin Bailey**, son of Dwight & Janelle Bailey of Boardman, Oregon on December 10, 2005 in Portland Oregon.

Family & friends please join us in a celebration of their marriage on **Saturday April 15, 2006** at Rugby Hall. Open House & Dance at 8:30 PM.



Trevor and Wendy Thomas along with Ross and the late Karen Campbell are pleased to announce the recent marriage of their children **Stacey Thomas and James Campbell**.
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Growing Opportunities

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Special Families Resource Association

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings now held on the 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

Chamber of Commerce

Meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

Didsbury TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

Didsbury Environment Board

Meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

Beaver's

Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

Didsbury Museum

Hours: Tues. Wed. Thurs. 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m. special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Joan Court at 335-8392 or Larry Hunsperger at 335-3284.

Toy Library

Why buy when you can borrow? Many toys available to take home for 2 weeks at a time. Call Kerri at 335-8040 for more information. Brought to you by the Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury.

Time Out

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Knox United Church. Mondays 10:11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. We have started up again for the fall. Call 335-4270

King Hiram Lodge #21

Has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S.

Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 335-4281

Didsbury Senior Support Services

Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

Sons Of Norway

Meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

Learning Disabilities

Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

Didsbury Preschool

Is now accepting registrations for 2005-2006 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

Gamblers Anonymous

Starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4.

Didsbury-Dial-A-Bus

Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

Mountain View La Leche League

A group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 556-3807 for information.

Didsbury Mental Health Clinic

Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

Didsbury Five-0 Singers

50 years of age or over? You are invited to join Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury 5-0 Club 2500-15 Ave.

Ag Info Centre

Your direct Link to Alberta Agriculture's people, services, and professional production information. 1-866-882-7677.

Didsbury Elks Lodge

Supper Meeting - 2nd Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 4th Thursdays. Call 335-4676 for info.

Canadian Weight awareness - CHAMPS Cub Inc.

A Non-profit weight loss support organization which meets weekly. We are open to men and ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight sensibly. For more information call 1-866-444-7682.

Wado Kai Karate

Adults and children on Tuesdays in Didsbury. Wednesday in Olds. For more information call Rathe (403) 559-7284.

Hall Rental

To Rent Rosebud Hall, please call 335-1969.

5-0 Club Hall Rentals

For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058.

Hall Rental

To Rent Mountain View Community Hall for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 335-8860.

Blitz For Blankets

We are collecting gently used blankets for the homeless? Mustard Seed. You can drop them off at Didsbury Market Place.

Hall Rental

The Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for more info at 637-2270.

Didsbury Lifeline

Emergency Response System Shirley 335-3787, Don 335-4676.

OLDS

W.H.O.A.S.

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 PM. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

Mountain View Sheep Producers

Meetings on the first Monday, of each month from October to June, at 7:30 p.m. in Olds. Call Sue at 335-9477 for more information.

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